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MISSOURI'S CONSTITUTIONS

During Missouri's ninety-five years of statehood, she has had three constitutions. The first, adopted in 1820, failed in the 40's, but in 1845 the people failed to ratify one submitted, so the worn-out one was used until 1865.

November 30, 1875, the third constitution was ratified by a vote of 91,205 to 14,517. Everyone seemed to want some new order to check the old. Grants to railroads and various wildcat schemes of the reconstruction period demanded a peculiarly strict restriction to progress.

We got it. Now that we want to progress again we find that we cannot. Seventy-four times in thirty-eight years we have tried to amend the constitution—thirty-nine times in eight years—but the old constitution itself repels attempts to improve it. It has been amended four times since 1902 and not once since 1908.

THE CONVICT IS HUMAN

Society now recognizes the human equation in the treatment of its wrongdoers. Popular opinion is going toward the reformation of the convict, not his confinement. Prisoners are being made into law-abiding citizens instead of enemies to society.

Thomas Mott Osborne, with his Sing Sing Mutual Welfare League, has made the convict feel that he is trusted, that society is befriending him instead of inflicting upon him unbearable brutal punishment, punishment which adds fire to the already burning hatred of the convict.

Here is what James Dale, a New York ex-convict, told the people of New York City, February 14, at a meeting held by the National Committee on Prisons:

"In Sing Sing I heard of Osborne. I asked, 'Who is Osborne?' I was curious. But from the day Osborne came to Sing Sing he has been my friend. He never gave me money. But he did more than all the institutions had done, more than the great state of New York had been able to do—he taught me to do right, to be square. And he practices what he preaches."

Compare this statement with that of Missouri ex-convict in Kansas City last month who described the Missouri penitentiary as a "hell hole" and stated that the convicts would rather burn it down and die in the flames than endure the treatment which they are receiving.

Politics is responsible for the deplorable prison conditions existing in many states. Members of the prison boards, appointed by the governor, and their henchmen make prisons a source of revenue, subjecting convicts to inhuman treatment and making them worse than wild beasts.

Missouri and every state must take the control of corrective institutions out of the hands of politicians and place them in the hands of criminologists, experienced in this work. Every state must have its Thomas Mott Osborne before criminals will be benefitted by confinement in penitentiaries.

Welfare workers seek national legislation for prison reform, but this is not necessary if the people of each state will centralize the prison control. The Missouri prison is to be investigated. It should be investigated, and so ought the prison system of every state when century-old customs exist. Prisons must be made training schools for citizens and not "hell holes" to degenerate men into beasts of prey.

The Open Column

Doesn't Like the Traffic Posts.
Editor the Missouriian: Has anyone a good word to say for the guilddposts at downtown street intersections? They need a few good words. Hasn't

civic beauty been sacrificed in a crude attempt at the now trite "Safety First?"

Doesn't it hurt to associate with the historic Old Trails Highway a red sewer tile covered with red and white circus-poster printing, surmounted by a green geranium and a top-piece of nondescript signs in blue and white enamel and flowerbox-green paint, telling the traveler that So-and-So hamlet is so far away.

Traffic posts by all means but not like Columbia's.

OLD TRAILS.

A Woman's View.

Editor the Missouriian: Permit me to extend my heartiest congratulations to Missouri University upon the occasion of the birth of such a "bouncing boy." It is indeed worthy of any university's deepest affection and pride, but I cannot help but feel that the time would have been one of greater rejoicing if it had only been "twins." I suppose, however, that perfect modesty should by all means prohibit me from this expression of any displeasure, even though the occurrence was not to my liking, as I am only one of the numerous women students, and suffering in silence is one of their long-time virtues. Despite that fact, I am one of the "bouncing boys'" aunts, and will have something to say, as is usual with aunts.

Is it not perfectly proper that the term "student" should mean a man? Certainly, for did not President Hill use it frequently, having that meaning in mind, during opening convocation, and he, of course, could not take the trouble to explain that this "Student Union" was merely a men's union—that was so unnecessary.

Why should the women object to "the fostering of good fellowship" among the men? They surely do not. They why do they object to the "Student Union?" And the masculine brain is not capable of realizing that the objection is to the exclusion of the women and the adoption of the name "student" to connote "a man!" Who are the students of the University? Men, assuredly! Women, you must realize, are only students in the same sense that they are citizens—they must never be interested in the affairs of the University, since they are only "permitted" for the purpose of getting an education. They should by no means be active. Nevertheless, what group of students supports the athletic games any better than the women? What group of students shows a better scholastic standing than the women? What students are

better all-around individuals than the women? What group of students attends the assemblies and concerts in the auditorium any better than the women? What group attends classes more regularly than the women? Yet they are not "students!"

If ever any consideration is given the women, it will have to be by the continued activity of the women to be recognized as students, and now is the time for them to rally in full force. Will they rally? Well, watch carefully and see if you can discover the group in which real "Missouri Spirit" is fostered.—S. M.

NEW RECTOR LIKES COLUMBIA

The Rev. J. H. George, Jr., Takes Charge of Cavalry Episcopal Church.

He is pleased with his new charge and likes Columbia and Missouri, is the declaration of the Rev. James Henry George, Jr., rector of the Cavalry Episcopal Church declared. He preached his initial sermon here yesterday.

"I like the city and people," said the Reverend George this morning, "Missouri is somewhat like home to me, as it is peopled considerably by easterners, and has not become over-westernized."

The Reverend George will be joined tomorrow by his wife and little son.

Benton Hall Elects New Officers.

Officers for Benton Hall have been elected on an "anti-dumping" platform. The officers for this semester are: A. Montiero, president; H. O. Gilmer, vice-president; O. M. Richards, secretary; S. W. Thompson, treasurer; A. Stankowski, sergeant-at-arms; D. Thorpe, M. Vaughn, J. W. Baldwin, F. Ledbetter, Melvin Mooney, and C. F. Goldberg, councilmen.

Mighty Good To Get Missouriian.

Mrs. E. T. Bartholomew, formerly Miss Lucile Keene of Columbia, writes the Missouriian from Madison, Wis.: "It seems mighty good to have some news of the old University from headquarters, and I even read the want ads. There is quite a group of Missouri people here, and we have a joyous meeting at intervals. The Missouriian furnishes the key to the situation."

Journalism Students To Meet.

Students in the School of Journalism will meet at 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night in Room 100, Switzer Hall. A candidate for cheer leader will be chosen.

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Mrs. Walter McNab Miller Optimistic After National Convention.

The National Equal Suffrage League has 200 organizations spread over the United States, working on the non-partisan policy for a suffrage amendment at the next session of Congress. Mrs. Walter McNab Miller declared yesterday. The league is throwing all its strength into the effort and is optimistic over the outlook.

Mrs. Walter McNab Miller is the newly-elected vice-president of the national league. She returned last Thursday from the annual convention in Atlantic City. Mrs. Miller reports that a great fight was made by delegates to obtain the endorsement of the league for one of the two leading national parties.

Discuss Dry Campaign Plans.

The W. C. T. U. held a regular business meeting at 2:30 o'clock yesterday at the Methodist Church. Plans for the coming campaign were discussed.

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Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN ON SOON

G. V. Aldrich to Be Principal Speaker At Opening Dinner, October 10.

The captain and lieutenants of the Y. M. C. A. campaign met today at the Y. M. C. A. Building to discuss plans for the campaign which will begin with a dinner on October 10 at the Virginia Grill. Guy V. Aldrich of the University of Iowa will be the chief speaker at this dinner.

Jesse Smith is the captain of the campaign, and his lieutenants are: Earl R. Gordon, S. P. Dalton, Morris Dry, Gardner Smith, W. T. Smith, H. E. Rasmussen, Robert Barnhart, Fred Suddarth, Nathan Scarritt, E. Longfellow, L. H. Capehart and F. S. Voss.

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